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SUBJ: JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR OFF TO A QUICK START

1. SUMMARY: JORDAN' S FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN YAR, GENERAL HAIDAR MUSTAFA, HAS MADE A RUNNING START THAT HAS CREATED VERY GOOD IMPRESSION WITHIN YARG. HIS PRESENCE, ACTIVITIES AND VIGOROUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE JORDANIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN SEEM LIKELY SOMEWHAT TO REASSURE YARG AT A TIME OF CONTINUING DOUBT ABOUT ADEQUACY OF USG POLICY OF ENCOURAGING YEMEN RELY ON ASSIST- ANCE FROM THE REGION. ONE CLOUD ON THE HORIZON IS THAT AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA SEEMS TO HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUC- TIONS FROM KING HUSSEIN THAT HE IS TO BE COURTEOUS TO SAUDI REPRESENTATIVES BUT NOT TO OFFER INFORMATION ON JORDAN' S ACTIVITIES OR COORDINATION WITH SAUDI ASSIST- ANCE PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

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2. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA HAS MOVED INTO THE YEMENI PICTURE WITH REMARKABLE AND COMMENDABLE DYNAMISM SINCE HIS ARRIVAL TWO WEEKS AGO. HE HAS OBTAINED A CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE. HIS COMMUNICATIONS WITH AMMAN ARE OPERATING. HE HAS BEEN JOINED BY TWO ADVISORS WHO WILL WORK WITH YARG ON MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY RESPECTIVELY, AND BY PERSONAL SECURITY STAFF. HE HAS OFFERED SUCH ADDITIONAL JORDANIAN ADVISORS AS YARG MAY FEEL IT NEEDS. HE HAS CONVEYED INVITATION TO CHIEF OF STAFF MASWARI TO VISIT JORDAN TO INSPECT MILITARY SCHOOLS. HE HAS PUSHED IDEA OF JORDANIAN TEACHERS TO SUBSTITUTE FOR POLITICALLY UNRELIABLE IRAQIS, AND WET LEASING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN ALIA AND YEMEN AIRLINES. RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN PUT TO KING THAT JORDAN PROVIDE YARG ON URGENT BASIS WITH AMMUNITION, SOME SURPLUS WEAPONS, AND SOME STOCKS OF RUSSIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT WERE CAPTURED FROM FEDAYEEN IN 1971. AMBASSADOR/ GENERAL MUSTAFA HAS LET IT BE KNOWN TO YARG THAT HE IS QUITE WILLING SERVE AS ITS PRINCIPAL MILITARY ADVISOR IN SHORING UP ITS INADEQUATE DEFENSES AGAINST SOUTH YEMEN.

3. MUSTAFA IS GREGARIOUS AND SHREWD. HIS JUDGMENTS OF YEMENI LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN QUICK AND SOUND. IN ALL, HE HAS MADE THE BEST OF IMPRESSIONS ON YEMENIS AND IN A REMARKABLY SHORT PERIOD. AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA IS CONSIDERING WHETHER MOST EFFECTIVE GOJ CONTRIBUTION TO YEMEN MILITARY IN LONG RUN MIGHT NOT BE TO TAKE OVER RETRAINING AND REORGANIZATION OF A COUPLE OF KEY, ELITE MILITARY UNITS THAT COULD SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO REST OF ARMED FORCES.

4. BEGIN NOFORN: THERE ARE A COUPLE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN THIS OTHERWISE MOST WELCOME DISPLAY OF HESHEMITE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE. THERE IS A POSSIBLE DANGER THAT MUSTAFA MAY BE PRONE MOVE A LITTLE TOO BOLDLY FOR A YARG THAT IS ONLY HESITANTLY BECOMING ACCUSTOMED TO FACT THAT CIRCUMSTANCES OF ITS CONFRONTATION WITH PDRY COMPEL IT SEEK HELP FROM CONSERVATIVE STATES IN AREA. FOR INSTANCE, GENERAL MUSTAFA PUT TO US THE IDEA THAT HE BRING JORDANIAN ARMY BAND TO YEMEN IN SEPTEMBER FOR CONCERTS.

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WE RECOMMENDED HE PUT THIS ONE OFF FOR A WHILE.

5. ALSO, WHILE MUSTAFA MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAS EXPLICIT ORDERS FROM KING COOPERATE WITH THIS EMBASSY TO FULLEST AND HAS SHOWN HIMSELF ENTHUSIASTICALLY COMMITTED TO THIS, HIS INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH SAUDI REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOT

PARALLEL. HE SAYS KING
TOLD HIM BE NORMALLY COURTEOUS BUT TO VOLUNTEER
NO INFORMATION ON JORDANIAN PROGRAMS. ON BASIS THIS
INSTRUCTION HE DID NOT THINK, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IT
WOULD BE PROPER FOR HIM TO STOP IN JIDDA SOME TIME TO
EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH SAG ON RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS OF
MILITARY ASSISTANCE. FURTHER, BRITISH WERE UNDER FIRM
IMPRESSION FROM KING HUSSEIN HIMSELF THAT THE WORK OF
THE TWO JORDANIAN SECURITY OFFICERS WOULD BE GENERALLY
GUIDED BY EXISTING BRITISH MI-6 ADVISOR TO INTERIOR MINISTRY
(WHO IS ABSOLUTELY FIRST RATE). YET IN CONVERSATION
WITH ME, AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA STATED HE UNAWARE OF
EXISTING BRITISH AID PROGRAM.

6. COMMENT: WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA
IN EFFORT IRON OUT THESE POTENTIAL BUGS IN WHAT LOOKS AS
IF IT COULD BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL JORDANIAN OPERATION IN YEMEN.
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